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Sir:

The Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 form attached to the Office Action of September 5, 2007 indicates that copies of the AO and AP literature references have not been received, as a result of which the Examiner has crossed out these references. At the time the U.S. National Phase papers were filed, it was thought that WIPO would send copies of these references to the PTO, so copies were not provided when the IDS was filed on September 28, 2004. Copies of these references are enclosed, together with a new PTO-1449 form citing these references. The copy of the Sang reference submitted herewith includes both the English and French versions of the article. The copy of the Russian reference submitted herewith is accompanied by an English translation of it.

The publication date for the AJ reference (JP 2002-105484) is incorrectly set forth on the PTO-1449 form of September 28, 2004, for which Applicants' attorney apologizes. The new PTO-1449 form submitted herewith corrects this publication date.